



AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A culture medium for detecting meticillin-resistant **microorganisms Staphylococci**, comprising nutrients for the growth of said **microorganisms Staphylococci**, an antibiotic chosen from the group ~~of second or third generation cephalosporins~~, **consisting of cefamandole, cefoxitin, cefmetazole, moxalactam, cefotetan and flomoxef**, and a chromogenic agent that releases a chromophore after hydrolysis with an enzyme that is active in said microorganisms.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Currently amended) The culture medium as claimed in claim 1, in which said chromogenic agent is ~~chosen~~ **selected** from the group consisting of 5-bromo-6-chloro-3-indoxyl phosphate and 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indoxyl glucoside.
4. (Cancelled).
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Previously presented) The culture medium as claimed in claim 3, which comprises 5-bromo-6-chloro-3-indoxyl phosphate.
8. (Previously presented) The culture medium as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one of the following two chromogenic agents: 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indoxyl galactoside and 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indoxyl glucuronide.
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Previously presented) The culture medium as claimed in claim 1, comprising a concentration of sodium chloride that is less than 3%.

11. (Previously presented) The culture medium as claimed in one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that the concentration of antibiotic is between 0.5 and 50 mg/l.
12. (Previously presented) The medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein the concentration of chromogenic agent is between 0.01 and 0.5 g/l.
13. (Cancelled).
14. (Previously presented) A method of detecting meticillin-resistant microorganisms in a sample, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) inoculating a medium as claimed in claim 1 with said sample or an inoculum derived from said sample,
 - (b) incubating said medium under conditions that allow growth of said microorganisms,
 - (c) detecting, on said medium, the presence of said meticillin-resistant microorganisms by virtue of the presence of colored colonies.
15. (Currently Amended) The culture medium of claim 2 1 wherein said ~~staphylococci~~ *Staphylococci* are ~~staphylococcus~~ *Staphylococci aureus*.
16. (Previously presented) The culture medium of claim 7, which further comprises 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indoxyl-glucoside.